

Nurse practitioner board certified in Canada (SB 683)

Good evening:

I wanted to make you aware that there are a group of advance practice nurses in Michigan who have successfully and safely performed acupuncture for many years. I became board certified from Acupuncture Canada (formerly Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute) 8 years ago. I treat approximately 40 patients per week, or approximately 2,000 per year, in addition to my full time family practice caseload. The legislation you are considering does add some important safety features which I completely agree with. I don't understand how advanced practice nursing is left out of the bill completely, however.

By law I can write schedule 2 narcotics, why are you taking away my ability to provide a successful, safe, non-opioid alternative? Please consider me a provider, as does the law in the state of Michigan. I have put in the hours to meet the requirements of the bill, and I continue to advance my knowledge. My certifications have recently been updated to include the NADA protocol and the Battlefield acupuncture protocol, and these services I offer to my family practice patients. It is incredible how these treatments can reduce severe, acute pain very rapidly! I continue to be amazed by the never-ending applications of acupuncture, and I sincerely hope I can continue to practice and learn acupuncture.

Thank you for your consideration!

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